

I CLAIM:

1. A method for connecting a source telephone to a target telephone, the method comprising:

communicating from the source telephone to a computer system the telephone number of the source telephone;

communicating from the source telephone to the computer system the telephone number of the target telephone;

completing a connection from the computer system to the source telephone;

completing a connection from the computer system to the target telephone; and

connecting the source telephone with the target telephone via the computer system.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the source telephone is a cellular telephone.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the source telephone is a mobile telephone.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the first communicating step comprises completing a telephone call from the source telephone to the computer.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein in the first communicating step the computer devices the telephone number of the source telephone from the caller ID information embedded in the ring sequence.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein the second communicating step comprises inputting target telephone information in the call completed by the source telephone to the computer.

7. The method of claim 4, wherein the second communicating step comprises the substeps of:

initiating and completing a call from the computer to the source telephone after the source telephone has been identified; and

receiving target telephone data from the source telephone.

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8. The method of claim 1, wherein the target telephone information comprises a computer address for stored information.
9. The method of claim 1 wherein:
 - communicating to the computer system is made by a telephone call from the source telephone; and
 - communicating to the computer system the telephone number of the source telephone is accomplished using an automated caller identification system.
10. The method of claim 1 wherein:
 - communicating to the computer system is done by a telephone call from a telephone other than the source telephone.
11. The method of claim 1 wherein:
 - communicating to the computer system is done by a computer on a global computer network.
13. The method of claim 1, wherein the second communicating step includes information for a plurality of target telephones.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein the completing and connecting steps with the target telephone include connecting the target telephones with one another and the source telephone.
15. A method for connecting a source telephone with a discounted rate for incoming calls to a target telephone, the method comprising:
 - initiating a call from the mobile telephone to a computer system;
 - indicating to the computer system the telephone number of the source telephone;
 - indicating to the computer system the telephone number of the target telephone;
 - disconnecting the call to the computer system;
 - the computer system initiating a call from the computer system to the source telephone;
 - the computer system initiating a call from the computer system to the target telephone;

and

the computer system conferencing the source telephone and the target telephone.

16. A method for completing a call between a source telephone and a target telephone comprising the steps:

instructing a computer system to connect to the source telephone;

instructing the computer system to connect to the target telephone;

instructing the computer system to connect the source telephone to the target telephone.

17 The method of claim 16, wherein the source telephone is a cellular telephone.

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